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Box PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Snap-on Technologies, Inc
Matter No. 452691
Patent Application for:
NON-CONDENSABLE PURGE TECHNIQUE
USING REFRIGERANT TEMPERATURE OFFSET

Sir:

Transmitted for filing herewith is the above-captioned patent application, including two sheets of formal patent drawings (figures 1 - 3B), and an executed Declaration.

Our check in the amount of \$710 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

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Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement under Sections 1.97-1.99.

Copies of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement which were considered during the preparation of the application are enclosed.

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Also enclosed is a Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).

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| First Named Inventor | Dean P. Pfefferle |
| Title | Non-Condensable Purge Technique Using Refrigerant Temperature Offset |
| Atty Docket Number | 452691 |

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